STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE
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EMERGENCY PROCEDURES FOR NON-OPERATIONAL A-12/F-12 FLIGHTS

1. __PURPOSE:__   To supplement the provisions of Project Headquarters Directive 50-3055-4, Emergency Procedures for Non-Operational A-12 Flights, 15 June 1964.

2. __SCOPE:__   These procedures are applicable to each staff section and appropriate contractors.

3. __GENERAL:__   In the event of an emergency concerning an A-12/F-12 aircraft, the procedures in Project Headquarters Directive 50-3055-4 will be strictly adhered to. The accomplishment of the supplemental instructions herein must be performed in an efficient and orderly manner to provide the Commander with the necessary support which will permit maximum security and protection for the aircraft and pilot.

4. __RESPONSIBILITIES:__

   a. The Deputy Commander for Operations will be responsible for:

      (1) Preparing an emergency procedures checklist which will be issued to the pilot prior to each flight.

      (2) Preparing, maintaining and issuing of emergency packets.

      (3) Insuring adequate manning of the Command Post necessary to implement procedures herein.

      (4) Determine most suitable aircraft required to support rescue, pre-recovery and recovery operations. Request these aircraft from appropriate agency.

      (5) Provide aircrews necessary for rescue and pre-recovery operations.

   b. The Deputy Commander for Materiel will be responsible for:

      (1) Forming of pre-recovery teams, composition to be determined by each situation, to include personnel and equipment.

      (2) Providing aircraft necessary for rescue and pre-recovery operations as required by DCO.

      (3) Issuing of rescue kits as required.

   c. The Deputy Commander for Support will be responsible for:

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(1) Providing medical personnel and assistance as required.

(2) Providing vehicle and support personnel as required.

(3) Providing crash and rescue assistance in accordance with existing procedures.

d. The Security Officer will provide necessary personnel and facilities as required to insure maximum security.

e. Contractors will provide personnel and assistance as required.

5. PROCEDURES:

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a. ███████████ Upon receipt of an emergency transmission or other notification of an A-12/F-12 emergency:

(1) Contact Command Post and pass message verbatim.

(2) Alert other aircraft that emergency is in progress, clear area or pattern as appropriate.

(3) Maintain radio standby.

b. COMMAND POST: Upon receipt of an emergency message:

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(1) Notify Base Commander, Deputy Commander for Operations, and, if applicable, ████████████

(2) Establish UHF contact with aircraft experiencing the emergency, if feasible. In lieu of this, establish land line contact with the agency able to work the aircraft on UHF, maintaining this contact until the emergency is terminated.

(3) Accomplish remainder of notification required.

(4) Prepare for occupation by Commander, key staff and technical assistants.

(5) Prepare graphic presentation of location of A-12/F-12 emergency. If outside the local area, portray suitable emergency airfields.

(6) Keep Project Headquarters Command Post advised.

(7) Upon direction of the Commander.

(a) Initiate local search and rescue procedures.

(b) Alert DIG/Safety.

(c) Alert Western SAR and/or Central SAR through NORAD Senior Controller.

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c. If directed by the Commander, key staff personnel will be available to report to the Command Post to render support assistance. Technical assistance required will be coordinated by the Commander and appropriate contractor chiefs.

6. POLICY: The Commander or his designated representative will be the sole authority on all required actions which may affect the security and protection of Detachment 1 aircraft and pilot. This is a coordination and support responsibility with regard to contractor or Air Force aircraft and pilots.

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